



Arizona Center for Minority Health

Purpose

The Center for Minority Health will serve as Arizona's central source of information and resources related to minority health and health disparities. The Center will provide leadership by building networks and community capacity to promote the health and wellness of all people in Arizona. Health disparities are avoidable differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of disease within specific population groups.

Need

- In 2003 Blacks, American Indians, and Hispanics ranked worst in overall health status in Arizona.
- Hispanics comprise more than 25% of the states population.
- Thirty-five percent (35%) of Arizona residents belong to an ethnic or racial minority group.
- Arizona's uninsured population is disproportionately representative of minority groups.

Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: Emerge as a visible, trusted, reliable Resource Center and Point-of-Contact for minority communities and other stakeholders and interested parties

Priority 2: Bring a minority health focus to the programs and policies of ADHS by serving as the resource within ADHS for improved planning and coordination of activities and programs

Priority 3: Improve minority health surveillance by developing systematic and consistent data collection and analysis

Priority 4: Partner with other entities dedicated to addressing minority health issues and work to improve access to health services

Priority 5: Identify and develop outreach strategies tailored to the needs of minority communities

Priority 6: Increase the capacity and diversity of the healthcare workforce

Priority 7: Increase the capacity of minority communities in the state for health promotion and disease prevention

Priority 8: Encourage and promote cultural competence healthcare practices and interventions by health care providers and state agencies

Mission

To promote and protect the health and well being of the minority and vulnerable populations of Arizona by enhancing the capacity of the public health system to effectively serve minority populations and reduce health disparities

Vision

Health equity for all

We envision a state where each person has equal opportunity to prevent and overcome disease and live a longer, healthier life.

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